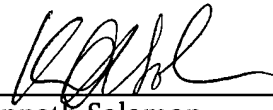


Remarks:

This preliminary amendment contains the addition of the abstract statement for this patent application. No abstract statement was provided with the original filing of this application on January 18, 2005. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the sheet attached hereto be accepted as the Abstract and considered during the examination of this application.

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